

*dpw*

# TRANSMITTAL FORM

(To be used for all correspondence  
after initial filing)

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Application Number   | 10/748,747        |
| Filing Date          | December 29, 2003 |
| First Named Inventor | David M. Gravett  |
| Art Unit             | 3731              |
| Examiner Name        |                   |
| Attorney Docket No.  | 110129.433        |

## ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

|  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form  | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)  | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance<br>Communication to TC   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached  | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Corrected Filing<br>Receipt                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to<br>Board of Appeals and<br>Interferences               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Response  | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers  | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to<br>TC ( <i>Appeal Notice, Brief,<br/>Reply Brief</i> ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> After Final   | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition  | <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a<br>Provisional Application                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney,<br>Revocation, Change of<br>Correspondence Address | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment<br>Request                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) ( <i>please<br/>identify below</i> ):                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Information<br>Disclosure Statement | <input type="checkbox"/> Statement under 37 CFR<br>3.73(b)                                     |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form PTO-1449                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer   |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cited References (X 4)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority<br>Document(s)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number<br>of CD(s)  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts<br>under 37 C.F.R. 1.52 or 1.53   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing<br>Parts/Incomplete Application         |  |   |

Remarks

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

|              |   |                 |        |
|--------------|---|-----------------|--------|
| Firm Name    | Seed Intellectual Property Law Group PLLC | Customer Number | 41551  |
| Signature    |   |                 |        |
| Printed Name | Qing Lin, Ph.D.                           |                 |        |
| Date         | February 11, 2005                         | Reg. No.        | 53,937 |

## CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

|                       |                     |                         |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Signature             |                     |                         |
| Typed or printed name | Jennifer J. Fortuny | Date: February 11, 2005 |

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

560562\_1.DOC



PATENT

I hereby certify that on the date specified below, this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

11 February 2005

Date

Jennifer J. Fortuny

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : David M. Gravett et al.  
Application No. : 10/748,747  
Filed : December 29, 2003  
For : SILK STENT GRAFTS

Art Unit : 3731  
Docket No. : 110129.433  
Date : February 11, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

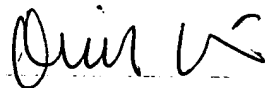
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, applicants wish to make known to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the references set forth on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the cited U.S. patents and published patent applications are not required and accordingly have not been provided. Copies of all other cited references are enclosed. As to any reference cited, applicants do not admit that it is "prior art" under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, and specifically reserves the right to traverse or antedate any such reference, as by a showing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or other method. Although the aforesaid references are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with applicants' duty to disclose all information they are aware of which is believed relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, applicants believe that their invention is patentable.

We hereby certify that each of the references set forth on the attached form PTO-1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Please acknowledge receipt of this Information Disclosure Statement and kindly make the cited references of record in the above-identified application.

Applicants believe this Information Disclosure Statement has been timely filed, however, the Director is authorized to charge any fee due by way of this Information Disclosure Statement to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,  
Seed Intellectual Property Law Group PLLC



---

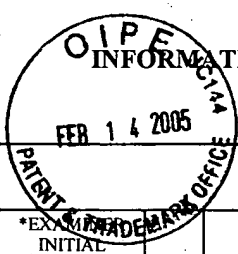
Qing Lin, Ph.D.  
Registration No. 53,937

Enclosures:

Postcard  
Form PTO-1449  
Cited References (X 4)

701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 6300  
Seattle, Washington 98104-7092  
Phone: (206) 622-4900  
Fax: (206) 682-6031

(QXL:jjf) 560556\_1.DOC

|  |                 |  |                |  |          |                                      |  |
|--|-----------------|--|----------------|--|----------|--------------------------------------|--|
| FORM PTO-1449<br>(REV. 7-80)   |                 | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE<br>PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE |                | ATTY. DOCKET NO.<br><b>110129.433</b>        |          | APPLICATION NO.<br><b>10/748,747</b> |  |
|  <p><b>SUPPLEMENTAL<br/>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b><br/>(Use several sheets if necessary)</p>   |                 |  |                | APPLICANTS<br><b>David M. Gravett et al.</b> |          |                                      |  |
|  |                 |  |                | FILING DATE<br><b>December 29, 2003</b>      |          | GROUP ART UNIT<br><b>3731</b>        |  |
| <b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>   |                 |  |                |  |          |                                      |  |
| *EXAMINER<br>INITIAL   | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE   | NAME           | CLASS  | SUBCLASS | FILING DATE<br>IF APPROPRIATE        |  |
| AA   | 2002/0065546A1  | 05/30/02   | Machan et al.  | 623  | 1.13     |                                      |  |
| AB   | 2002/0107330 A1 | 08/08/02   | Pinchuk et al. | 525  | 242      |                                      |  |
| AC   |                 |  |                |  |          |                                      |  |
| AD   |                 |  |                |  |          |                                      |  |
| AE   |                 |  |                |  |          |                                      |  |
| <b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>  |                 |  |                |  |          |                                      |  |
|  | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE   | COUNTRY        |  |          | TRANSLATION<br>YES NO                |  |
| AF   | EP 0 666.066 A1 | 08/09/95   | EP             |  |          |                                      |  |
| AG   | EP 0 997 115 A2 | 05/03/00   | EP             |  |          |                                      |  |
| AH   | WO 00/40278 A1  | 07/13/00   | WIPO           |  |          |                                      |  |
| AI   | WO 00/50016 A2  | 08/31/00   | WIPO           |  |          |                                      |  |
| AJ   |                 |  |                |  |          |                                      |  |
| <b>OTHER ART</b> (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)  |                 |  |                |  |          |                                      |  |
| AK   |                 |  |                |  |          |                                      |  |
| AL   |                 |  |                |  |          |                                      |  |
| AM   |                 |  |                |  |          |                                      |  |
| AN   |                 |  |                |  |          |                                      |  |
| AP   |                 |  |                |  |          |                                      |  |
| AP   |                 |  |                |  |          |                                      |  |
| EXAMINER   |                 |  |                | DATE CONSIDERED                              |          |                                      |  |
| <p>* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not criteria is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant(s).</p> |                 |  |                |  |          |                                      |  |